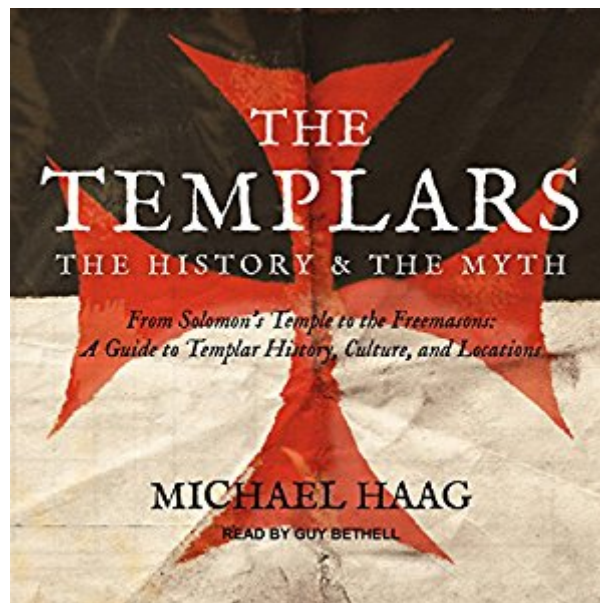




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The Templars: The History And The Myth: From Solomon's Temple To The Freemasons



Synopsis

Arguably one of the most provocative, puzzling, and misunderstood organizations of medieval times, the legendary Knights Templar have always been shrouded in a veil of mystery, while inspiring popular culture from Indiana Jones to Dan Brown. In *The Templars*, author Michael Haag offers a definitive history of these loyal Christian soldiers of the Crusades - sworn to defend the Holy Land and Jerusalem, but ultimately damned and destroyed by the Pope and his church. A best seller in the United Kingdom - the first history of the enigmatic warriors to include findings from the Chinon Parchment, the long-lost Vatican document absolving the Knights of heresy - *The Templars* by Michael Haag is a fascinating, must-listen book.

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This book gives a very good narration about the history of The Crusades from the First Crusade to the 13th. The explanation about the crusades, from the causes, the principal actors etc is very comprehensive but written in an easy to understand style. On the other hand, the history about The Templars is also written comprehensively, but only fills about 30 - 40 % of the book's content, so most of this book's contents is more about the history of The Crusades. Whatever, after reading this book, I have reached the conclusion that what has been popularly written or filmed about The Templars by authors such as Dan Brown etc, is more myth or fiction than historical facts. At the end of the book Michael Haag also gives a list of other books, films, videos currently on the market about the Templars, so the reader can delve deeper about the subject or just find other material for

comparison. Anyway, Micael Haag's book provides good reading and is a must for history buffs.

Great book. Explains a lot about what's going on in the World today. I've read a lot about the Templars in many different books. This book puts it all in one place.

I liked the first 3 quarters of the book approximately. But after that it gets too much into the conspiracy theories that arose after the Templars had long disappeared; in other words all the false stories that were written about the Templars. I didn't get into a feeling of being a holy knight on a crusade in the book. Nonetheless the book deserves its four stars from the interesting facts I learned about how the crusades would have failed long before they did were it not for the Templars (and the Hospitalers).

Great book about the Templars. Very thorough and enlightening.

interesting perspectives

excellent.

good

Michael Haag's book is an honest history that is well-researched, relying on documented history rather than myth and speculation. It does address all the hoopla surrounding the order in an excellent chapter entitled "Conspiracies" where he sheds light on many myths. The photos of famous Templar places at the end of the book are also welcome. My only criticism is the short shrift he gives to the later crusades, in particular the Richard the Lion Heart era which only warrants a page or two. Like many books on the Templars, at times the focus wanders to a discussion of the crusades in general. Although to some extent the context is necessary, more detail on the Templars proper, especially during the 1200's, would have strengthened the book. All in all a good book, but if you are already a crusade/Templar buff there won't be too much new aside from a nice discussion on the Chinon parchmant and other recent discoveries.

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